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value of that country has been in the mining districts in British Columbia. I do not think the difference between the gold mining of British Columbia and that of the Yukon in regard to the nature of the difference is in favor of the former. In British Columbia the gold is found in a state which requires the employment of a large number of miners and which therefore creates a larger market than does the Yukon. The latter territory is a gold producing area. From the opening of the Crow's Nest trade will also come an increase of the gold trade of the Yukon. The railway for Calgary of a gold producing character. It will indeed affect the whole of Canada. There are not two opinions on that question in the gold mining districts. From the point of view of the prosperity of Canada depends upon the successful development of the West. As the West develops, the gold trade will develop. As to the building of a gold

... would be lost and it was this reason which would see the greatest benefit to the people of the west. He also wished to impress on the minister the fact that though they did not hope to monopolize the trade of the north-west by the Mackenzie river which was undoubtedly the cheapest and easiest route for heavy freights, yet they were not prepared to allow the trade to be monopolized by a few individuals with a few small boats and a few men, and he thought that this fact should not be overlooked in considering the advantages of the route. The minister offered to protectors. He proceeded to advocate the opening of the route, as a means of relieving the Indians of the north-west. He said that he had no longer to ask people to come here—they would come anyway.

... was followed by Mr. A. S. Sifton, who commented on the fact that this was the first time he had heard the minister say that they had seen a good deal of one another in the course of their lives. He thought it wrong

And, whereas, until an all Canadian
land route (and telegraph line) is
opened from east of the Rocky moun-

the government to make the road. All they were asking was that the govern-

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